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716919.78

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Brian H. Welker : Reply Under 37 CFR 1.116  
: Expedited Procedure  
: Examiner: Gail Kaplan Verbitsky  
Serial No.: 10/710,449 : Group Art Unit: 2859  
Filed: July 12, 2004 : Attorney Docket No.: 716919.78  
For: Temperature Probe and : Customer No.: 27128  
Insertion Device : Confirmation No.: 4448  
Last Office Action: May 17, 2005

**AMENDMENT B**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 17, 2005, please amend the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116 in accordance with the amendments and remarks set forth herein.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

The remarks begin on page 5.

The subject application was interviewed with Examiner Verbitsky on July 11, 2005. The rejections of all the claims were discussed but no formal agreement was reached with the Examiner as to allowability of claims. However, it was agreed that certain amendments would be made which the Examiner believed would overcome the rejections of the claims.